



PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION AGENDA

Monday, April 14, 2014

6:30 p.m.

Public Works

Conference Room

Call to Order

Roll Call

Adopt Agenda

Approval of March 10, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Old Business

1. Peppermint Stick and Sunrise Pond Park Equipment Discussion

New Business

2. Riverview Park Building

Other Business

3. Grant, Partnership & Referendum Updates
4. Future Meetings

Adjourn



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Meeting Date: 04/14/2014

SUBJECT: Approval of March 10, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Attachments

March2014

COON RAPIDS PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES OF MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2014

The regular meeting of the Parks & Recreation Commission was called to order on March 10, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in the Public Works Conference Room.

Members Present: Chair Tim Arntson, Commissioners Mike Jacobson, Debbie Lerdahl, and Neal Livermore

Members Absent: Commissioners John Angell, Ryan McAlpine, and Gen Sand

Also Present: Gregg Engle, Parks Supervisor, and Ryan Gunderson, Recreation Coordinator.

ROLL CALL

Parks Supervisor Gregg Engle acknowledged the roll call.

1. APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 10, 2014 AGENDA

Ryan Gunderson added under Other Business: Council Worksession for Sand Creek and the Teen Center on March 25, 2014

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER LIVERMORE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JACOBSON, TO APPROVE THE MARCH 10, 2014 AGENDA AS REVISED.
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. APPROVAL OF PAST MINUTES

There were no changes.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER LIVERMORE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JACOBSON, TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 10, 2014 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AS SUBMITTED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Engle updated the Commission on Woodcrest Park. He noted Erlenson will start construction from the parking lot, near the bridge on Egret.

Mr. Engle stated the Coon Creek watershed project is ongoing. They are still working on Northdale for acquisition of the property. He noted the size of the holding ponds is holding up construction and they are looking at a fall start. The County will be exchanging property with the City.

Mr. Engle stated preliminary costs from the consultants and timelines have arrived for the Riverview project. He reviewed the timeline with the Commission.

Commissioner Livermore asked when this will be brought back to the Commission. Mr. Engle thought it would be before the City Council meeting. Commissioner Lerdahl asked what they would need to approve this. Commissioner Livermore stated he would be curious about the final staff recommendation and the budget for this project. Chair Arntson stated his concern was with the timing.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. Peppermint Stick and Sunrise Pond Park Improvements

Mr. Engell reviewed the improvements that would take place in Peppermint Stick and Sunrise Pond Parks as part of the 2014 General Fund improvements. He stated they have \$200,000 for park improvements and \$100,000 for trails in their budget.

Mr. Engle reviewed the site plan of Peppermint Stick Park improvements with the Commission.

Chair Arntson and Commissioner Livermore indicated they would like the play equipment to have some red and white colors on them because the park is called Peppermint Stick. In addition, red and white are the school colors.

Mr. Engle reviewed the costs of Peppermint Park with the Commission.

Commissioner Livermore asked if the costs will include the entire trail system. Mr. Engle indicated it would.

Mr. Engle reviewed the trail plan with the Commission. The Commission suggested changes to the trails, noting the changes on the plan for Mr. Engle.

Mr. Engle reviewed the site plan of Sunrise Pond Park improvements with the Commission. He stated they are looking at looping irrigation and will stay within the area. The fourteen-foot retaining wall will be done with staff along with the sixteen-foot shelter. He noted they will need to stabilize the soil, which will cost around \$2,000. The trees and basketball hoop are in. There will be a retaining wall with steps and they will work with ADA on the requirements. There is approximately a \$25,000 overrun on costs.

B. General Fund Trail Project Prioritization

Mr. Engle asked the Parks and Recreation Commission to provide input on prioritization of trail projects that would be funded through the General Fund. He reviewed his prioritization of the trail project with the Commission and suggested the Commission bring ideas to the April meeting.

Commissioner Livermore stated they are talking about Tier One and Tier Two money. He stated as a City they are moving forward on two if not three major parks and asked what the Commission is proposing to move forward other than the “red tape” trails. He also asked if they are going to wait two years on the “red tape” trails. Mr. Engle stated he did not want to waste money on improvements if things are going to change five years down the road with the referendum. Commissioner Livermore thought the solution was with the Cooley property, the extension of Coon Creek. He stated this is the most visible source of money that is not held up in “red tape” right now that they can move forward with and it is rated as a Tier One trail. He was looking at this a Citywide benefit.

There was further discussion and review of the trail plans.

Chair Arntson indicated he would like some numbers pulled for Hoover and the signal.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Crooked Lake Association Meeting Review

Mr. Engle reported on the Crooked Lake Association meeting that occurred in February. He stated they commented on whether this is the right look for the area. They thought sand volleyball would be great, did not know if a double pier would work, and thought they should make the fishing pier bigger. They would like to have the beach area reconstructed with less of a slope, were concerned about security, and wanted adequate lighting. In regard to the ball field, a resident thought they were short on ballfields and it was too small. Mr. Engle indicated the field was to be used as a pickup game field and would not be used for competitive play. Another issue was in regard to boat trailer parking in the parking lot, which the residents thought was an issue. He noted the residents wanted the City to manage the beach area and Mr. Engle explained that the City did not own the water and would not be patrolling the area or managing it.

B. Winter Operations Wrap

Mr. Gunderson reported on winter operations for rinks and warming houses.

C. Coon Rapids Teen Center Update

Mr. Gunderson reported on the Teen Center. He noted the staff will be discussing the Teen Center with Council at the upcoming March 25th Worksession. He noted the Center is open only three days a week so the other days teens need to find something else to do. Recommendation will be to run Teen Center as a City program.

D. Summer in the City Meeting Dates and The Green Expo

Mr. Gunderson stated Summer in the City meeting dates are June 24 at Sunrise Pond Park, July 22 at Peppermint Stick Park, July 29 at Lions Park, and August 26 at Riverwind.

Mr. Gunderson stated the Green Expo will be May 10 at the Blaine Expo Center. This will be a cooperative event with Blaine and they are hoping to make this a County wide event. He noted the City Council is hesitant in giving this up and is looking at the possibility of using the Ice Center in May for the expo.

6. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER LIVERMORE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JACOBSON, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Ryan Gunderson
Recreation Coordinator



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1.

Meeting Date: 04/14/2014

Subject: Peppermint Stick and Sunrise Pond Park Equipment Discussion

From: Ryan Gunderson, Recreation Coordinator

INFORMATION:

Parks Superintendent Gregg Engle will share options for the playground at Peppermint Stick Park and shelters at the Peppermint Stick and Sunrise Pond Park



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2.

Meeting Date: 04/14/2014

Subject: Riverview Park Building

From: Ryan Gunderson, Recreation Coordinator

INFORMATION:

Staff will share a preliminary park building drawing for discussion as part of the Riverview Park renovation.



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3.

Meeting Date: 04/14/2014

Subject: Grant, Partnership & Referendum Updates

From: Ryan Gunderson, Recreation Coordinator

INFORMATION:

The City is seeking grant and partnership opportunities as part of the approved park updates. Staff will update the Commission on projects and the status of some partnerships and grants.



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4.

Meeting Date: 04/14/2014

Subject: Future Meetings

From: Ryan Gunderson, Recreation Coordinator

INFORMATION:

An public open house will be held on Wednesday April 23rd to share the preliminary concept that has been discussed with stakeholders, the Commission, and Council. The open house will be in the Council Chambers from 6:30-8:30pm. The May Parks Commission meeting is our annual tour of parks. Which parks does staff and the commission desire to tour?
